

Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 02383 010118Z

13

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 EA-09 IO-13 ISO-00 FEA-01 ACDA-10

CEQ-01 CIAE-00 DOTE-00 EPA-04 HEW-06 HUD-02 INR-07

INT-05 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 NSF-02 OIC-02 PA-02 PM-04

PRS-01 SAJ-01 OES-06 SP-02 SS-15 TRSE-00 USIA-15

ERDA-07 CG-00 /146 W

----- 121968

R 301123Z APR 76

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7260

INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS 6043

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

AMEMBASSY MEXICO

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

USMISSION OECD PARIS

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

USMISSION GENEVA

UNCLAS USNATO 2383

DEPT PASS TO EPA ADMINISTRATOR TRAIN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CCMS, SENV, ENRG, SWEL

SUBJ: CCMS: OVERVIEW OF CCMS PLENARY, APRIL 27-28, 1976,
NATO HEADQUARTERS

REF: STATE 81206

SUMMARY: THE SPRING 1976 PLENARY OF NATO'S COMMITTEE ON THE
CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY (CCMS) SHOWED THE ALLIES TO BE
ACTIVE ON MANY FRONTS. THE PLENARY SESSION OPENED WITH 12 OF
THE ALLIES PARTICIPATING IN A DEBATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD-
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 NATO 02383 010118Z

SETTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. TWO MAJOR PILOT STUDIES, ON
ADVANCED HEALTH CARE AND URBAN TRANSPORTATION, WERE COMPLETED,
AND THEIR RESULTS APPROVED BY CCMS. THE FRENCH LAUNCHED A NEW
PILOT STUDY ON REMOTE SENSING OF MARINE POLLUTION; THE US,

ONE ON FLUE GAS DESULFURIZATION. THE COMPREHENSIVE ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY COMPLETED ITS FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY BY SUCCESSFULLY TRANSFERRING ALL SEVEN OF ITS PROJECTS TO SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATIONS. THE MEETING WAS ALSO NOTEWORTHY FOR INCREASED PARTICIPATION BY ALL ALLIES COUNTRIES IN THE PRESENTATION OF REPORTS ON ONGOING PILOT STUDIES. END SUMMARY.

1. IN INTRODUCING US CCMS REPRESENTATIVE BARNUM DURING THE PLENARY'S OPENING SESSION ON APRIL 27, AMBASSADOR STRAUSS-HUPE REITERATED STRONG US SUPPORT, AS AFFIRMED BY PRESIDENT FORD AT LAST YEAR'S NATO SUMMIT, FOR CCMS AS A FURTHER DIMENSION OF THE ALLIANCE. EMPHASIZING THAT CCMS WAS CREATED BY THE ALLIED NATIONS TO SAFEGUARD THE QUALITY OF LIFE, THE AMBASSADOR OBSERVED: "WE THINK WE ARE QUITE SURE ABOUT WHAT WE ARE AGAINST; LET US ALWAYS BE AWARE OF WHAT WE ARE FOR. CCMS IS THE BEST REMINDER."

2. THE SPRING PLENARY DEMONSTRATED THE USEFULNESS OF THE ROUND TABLE AS A FORUM FOR ALLIED DISCUSSION OF HIGH-PRIORITY PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES. THE ROUND TABLE DEBATE FOCUSED ON THE UK-SUGGESTED TOPIC, "ASSESSMENT OF POLLUTION HAZARDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD SETTING." FOR FIVE HOURS, ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIALS DEBATED PRODUCTIVELY AND WITHOUT ACRIMONY VARIOUS APPROACHES TO THIS COMPLEX QUESTION. MOST EC MEMBERS OF NATO EXPECTED THE ROUND TABLE TO REOPEN THE RECENT EC POLICY DEBATE ON SETTING WATER POLLUTION ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS. BUT THE TRENCHANT OBSERVATIONS OF NORWAY, CANADA AND THE US (WHOSE VIEWS, OF COURSE, WERE NOT PRESENTED IN THE EC) AND THE PARTICIPANTS' REALIZATION THAT THEY WERE DEBATING IN A FORUM WHERE A DECISION ON THE MATTER WOULD NOT BE TAKEN ALLOWED A FREER DISCUSSION OF COMPLICATED POLICY ISSUES. THE DISCUSSION USEFULLY CLARIFIED THE RANGE AND NUANCES OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AMONG THE ALLIES AND HIGHLIGHTED THE DIFFERENCES IN NATIONAL DECISION-MAKING PROCEDURES. MOST ALLIES PRESENTATIONS WERE THOUGHTFULLY PREPARED AND WELL PRESENTED. WHILE THE PARTICIPATION OF TWELVE ALLIES IN THE DISCUSSION LIMITED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THOROUGH EXPLORATION OF SUBJECT, THE EXCHANGE BROUGHT INTO UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 NATO 02383 010118Z

SHARPER FOCUS SOME OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN ASSESSING ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS AND SETTING STANDARDS. THIS SECOND SUCCESSFUL ROUND TABLE POLICY DEBATE APPEARS TO HAVE REINFORCED LAST YEAR'S PRECEDENT FOR CONTINUING CCMS TOPICAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS AS THE SPECIAL FEATURE OF THE SPRING PLENARY.

3. ACTION AT THE PLENARY IN COMPLETING THE PILOT STUDIES ON URBAN TRANSPORTATION AND ADVANCED HEALTH CARE AND THE INAUGURATION OF PILOT STUDIES ON REMOTE SENSING OF THE POLLUTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND ON FLUE GAS DESULFURIZATION MAINTAINS, IN THE US VIEW, CCMS ACTIVITIES AT AN OPTIMUM LEVEL OF TEN PILOT STUDIES. THERE WAS UNANIMOUS ALLIED

INTEREST IN THE FRENCH-LED PROJECT ON REMOTE SENSING, INCLUDING THE FIRST OFFER BY GREECE TO CO-PILOT A STUDY. RECENT INITIATIVES BY FRANCE AND CANADA TO PILOT NEW STUDIES REALIZED A LONG-STANDING US HOPE IN CCMS TO HAVE ALL MAJOR ALLIES LEAD PILOT STUDIES.

5. CCMS PILOT STUDY ON ROAD SAFETY WAS THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL FULL-CYCLE DEMONSTRATION OF COMMITTEE'S FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES. DURING THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE ROAD SAFETY WORK PROGRAM, THE US AS PILOT COUNTRY ARRANGED FOR CONTINUED INTERNATIONAL FOLLOW-UP IN ALL SEVEN AREAS OF THE PILOT STUDY. ALL FACETS OF THE ROAD SAFETY PROJECTS HAVE NOW BEEN SUCCESSFULLY TAKEN OVER BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WITH CONTINUING PROGRAMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORTATION.

6. THE SUCCESSFUL ROUND TABLE, THE INCREASED PARTICIPATION IN GENERAL DISCUSSION, AND THE EVIDENT WILLINGNESS OF MEMBERS TO SHARE IN THE LEADERSHIP OF PILOT STUDIES GAVE EVIDENCE OF THE CONTINUED VITALITY OF CCMS. STRAUZ-HUPE

UNCLASSIFIED

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 30 AUG 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 APR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976NATO02383
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t197604113/baaaaxaq.tel
Line Count: 131
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: n/a
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: coburnhl
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 SEP 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <29 SEP 2004 by cookms>; APPROVED <10 NOV 2004 by coburnhl>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: n/a
TAGS: CCMS, SENV, ENRG, SWEL
To: STATE INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS
TOKYO
STOCKHOLM
MEXICO
WELLINGTON
CANBERRA

OECD PARIS
EC BRUSSELS
GENEVA
Type: TE

Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006